

sure our appropriators still will be resistant, though they don't call the meeting or schedule the markup.

I yield for whatever information my friend has on that.

Mr. HOYER. It's my understanding, staff has just told me, that we have an agreement, I presume Mr. OBEY and Mr. LEWIS and other leadership have agreed, to coordinate the floor and committee work so as to not have conflicts. So that apparently has been contemplated.

I want to agree with you that, generally speaking, you are absolutely correct. The Appropriations Committee does not like to be marking up bills when appropriation bills are on the floor. I agree with that 100 percent. Mr. OBEY in particular does not like that because Mr. OBEY, either as the ranking member or now the chairman, was very engaged, as we all know, in the floor debates. So he was particularly not happy with that process, and as an appropriator, I can tell you that no appropriator likes to have that happen.

Again, we understand that there has been some work on this so that we can try to accommodate both doing the work on the floor and doing the work in the committee.

Mr. BLUNT. I am glad to have that information.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

#### HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW AND ADJOURNMENT FROM FRI- DAY, JUNE 8, 2007, TO MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. tomorrow, and, further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, for morning-hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

#### SAYING GOODBYE TO THE PAGES

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today is a day of mixed emotion for all of us who work with the House Page Program. It is time to say goodbye to 70 aspiring

young individuals who have served the U.S. Congress for the last several months.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank you all for your hard work, your commitment and dedication to the Page Program. I know you have made your families, friends and communities back home proud, and I am certain that they will be glad to receive you back home.

As difficult as it is to say goodbye, I trust that you will take with you memories, experiences and friends that will last a lifetime. Take with you also our sincere thanks for a job well done. Your hard work and your dedication have proven that you are young people with strength, courage and character. We look forward to hearing about all your many future successes.

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. SUTTON) joins me in these thoughts, but we will not say goodbye but rather farewell until we meet again. And Mr. Speaker, before I yield to other Members, I would like insert the names of the pages at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### SPRING 2007 HOUSE PAGE LIST

Sam Balasz  
Joshua Britton  
Abullah Binshaeig  
Geoffrey Blumenthal  
Ian Cameron  
Bryant Canales  
Allison Clark  
Elizabeth Cotton  
Daija Covington  
Sarah Coughlan  
Ann Crawford-Roberts  
Christopher Day  
Richie Day  
Skukuue Edwards  
Taylor Farquharson  
Kelsey Griffiee  
Tarel Hairston  
Portsha Franklin  
Elizabeth Hartig  
Kelsey Hill  
Jeffrey Joh  
Robert Joyce  
Abebe Kebede  
Keegan Kirkpatrick  
Nathan Khosla  
Alexa Klein  
Breanna Lai  
Noah Lindenfeld  
Jonathan Lesser  
Rachel Licata  
Isabella Miller  
Amanda Markovich  
Blair Matthews  
Victoria Milkovich  
Soreya Moody  
Liliana Palacios  
Jake Petzold  
Elon Rhodes  
Taylor Riddle  
Paige Romer  
Ariel Rubenstein  
Alexander Seiden  
Corey Shears  
Virginia Smith  
Shaan Yadav-Ranjan  
Meghan Ward  
Briana Aleman  
Amy Brinkerhoff  
Marion Burke  
Starla Burton  
Joseph Cannella  
Logan Craghead  
Katelyn DeFrancesco  
Ryan Drager

Callie Farlow  
Nicholas Hall  
Rachel Koroknay  
Nicholas Lanoue  
Nickolas Lupo  
Aubrie-Marks  
Colleen Mattingly  
James "Matt" McClure  
Bryan Quach  
Heaven Randolph  
Adam Reynolds  
Katie Rieder  
Christine Salomon  
Ryan Till  
James "Carson" Ure  
Cassandra West

I yield now to the ranking Republican member of the Page Board, the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO).

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank my colleague from Michigan for his leadership on the Page Board and for his deep compassion for what the Page Program has done for the youth of America historically and for this particular group today.

As he said, we're not here to say goodbye; we're here to say farewell and Godspeed and good luck.

As any ending is, the ending of this year is a new beginning for you all to return to your homes, your families and have a good summer at the same time.

I'm very proud of the 70 pages, 33 girls, 37 boys, that represent 26 States and one territory, and I would like to congratulate you on the completion of your Page Program.

I asked several pages throughout the day, have you enjoyed your time here? How has it been? And one said to me very poignantly, he said, I have enjoyed every single day. And I think that is shared across the board by the 70 bright smiling faces I see at the back of the Chamber today.

It certainly has been a historic year for this Congress under the stewardship of the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives. So, for all the female pages, it has been a source of great pride for all of us. So I thank you for your leadership.

I think it's important to note that not only will we be seeing you again, we'll be seeing you in different iterations of your life, as many former pages are now Members of Congress, Senators, corporate leaders, Governors and future leaders of our States and our Nation.

So I say, thank you, from the Cloak Room on the Republican side. Ms. Pat and Ms. Doris say thank you very much for all of the help you gave to them in helping us, and on the other side, I'm sure that's true.

So I say, good luck, make sure you don't forget us, and I won't forget the most I think vibrant day in the House of Representatives, which is the day that the President comes to give his State of the Union address, and the first thing I notice is the excitement of the pages, getting to see that for the first time, lined in the back, hoping to catch a glimpse or a handshake or a pat on the back from their President.